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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord Almighty, instruct us and teach us in the right way. You, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent, grant us the knowledge we need to accomplish Your will this day.

As high as the heavens are above the Earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways, Your thoughts higher than our own.

Reach down and bestow on us the gift of Your wisdom. Draw near to us that we may know Your clarity in the things that confound us.

Speak to us above all other voices, that we would hear Your counsel. Let us not boast of our own insight, nor of our strength or riches, but let us boast that we have the freedom to know You. Let us not serve the temptation to hurt, judge, or behave rudely, but let us serve You, the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on the Earth.

Then may You delight in our efforts to reveal that kindness, to exercise Your justice, and to demonstrate Your righteousness here in this place and in the living of our days.

Your word will not return empty, but will accomplish what You desire and achieve the purpose for which You sent it. So send us forth this day to live into that word.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RUTHERFORD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REPLENISH THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to add my voice and support to restaurant owners in Buffalo and Western New York standing up today to call on Congress to approve additional restaurant relief.

Congress authorized, through the American Rescue Plan, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, providing \$28.6 billion to help restaurants hit hard by the pandemic. While the program was able to help over 101,000 small business owners, over 63 percent of eligible applicants, more than 177,000 restaurants the Small Business Administration deemed qualified for funding received nothing.

According to the National Restaurant Association, the restaurant industry sales in 2020 were down by \$240 billion, and restaurant employment dropped 3 million below expected levels. Restaurants support jobs, fuel our local economies, and as gathering places for families and friends, help to build stronger communities.

Madam Speaker, I stand in strong support of swift replenishment of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

CONGRATULATING NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STUDENT CALEB SINNWELL

(Mr. FEENSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Iowa's Nashua-Plainfield student Caleb Sinnwell.

Caleb won first place in this year's National History Day competition for his project on the Ghost Army, a World War II unit of 1,100 men tasked with deceiving German intelligence.

To recognize his outstanding work, Caleb is being awarded the Certificate of Achievement by the U.S. Special Forces Army Unit.

Caleb's thesis states in part: "Through masterful miscommunication, the Ghost Army successfully deceived German troops, which aided Allied advancement to victory in World War II."

He is now asking Congress to pass the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act, a bill to recognize the critically important work of the Ghost Army during World War II.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to support this effort, and I am hoping my colleagues in the Senate will take up this measure very soon.

Keep up the great work, Caleb.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liberty Baptist Church located in Blanchard, Pennsylvania. This weekend, Liberty Baptist Church is celebrating a major milestone, their 150th anniversary.

What started with very humble beginnings at an abandoned German reform church in 1871, what started there has now blossomed into a vibrant congregation and community staple.

In 1872, Brother Runyon, the pastor at the time, described the congregation in a simple sentence: "Wealth we have not, but warm hearts and willing hands we have."

Those words ring true today. With warm hearts and willing hands, Liberty Baptist Church continues to give back to the community, whether it is a bake sale or potlucks to backpack ministries, Christmas caroling, and youth sports, the congregation at Liberty Baptist Church is happy to lend a helping hand.

Over the past 150 years, there were challenging times as well as times of great joy. It is clear, God shines on your members, your church leadership, and your pastors.

Congratulations on this monumental anniversary. May God continue to bless you all for the next 150 years.

RECOGNIZING ANTHE NIJZIEL

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young woman from my district for making University of Iowa and Big Ten sports history.

Recently, University of Iowa field hockey star Anthe Nijziel was awarded both Big Ten Co-Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors after leading the Hawkeyes to an impressive 16-1 regular season.

Though each of these honors are an impressive feat on their own, Anthe has raised the bar, becoming the first Iowa student athlete to win both awards in the same season and the third person in Big Ten history to win the Player of the Year title in more than one season.

I congratulate the entire Iowa field hockey team for a great season, and Head Coach Lisa Cellucci, who was unanimously named Big Ten Coach of the Year after being awarded Co-Coach of the Year last season.

Congratulations to Anthe, Coach Cellucci, and the rest of the Iowa field hockey team, and good luck as you head into the Big Ten tournament.

DEM TAX-AND-SPEND BILL

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise alarm on the tax-and-spending spree Democrats are trying to rush through Congress.

The bill is over 1,500 pages and has not even received a score from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. They want to vote on this bill without knowing how much it will cost taxpayers. What kind of policies are House Democrats trying to hide from the American people?

Union handouts, billions of dollars to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants, and over \$400 billion in small business tax hikes; these are just a few of the bad policies tucked away in this bill. This is not what the American people want.

House Democrats should read their own bill and explain to the American people exactly how they are spending their tax dollars.

UNIVERSAL PRE-K

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, this could be a very black week for America in that there are rumors that the reconciliation bill will pass. A lot of bad provisions are in there that are bad for the economy, bad for the dollar. But I think the one that is going to have the longest impact is the universal three- and four-year-old pre-K expenditure.

In America, traditionally, the family has been in charge of raising the children, but as is obvious from groups that helped the Democrats retain the majority last time, there are people who don't like the nuclear family and would rather have the government raise their children. To have the government involved in universal pre-K will permanently reduce the impact that American families have on their children and permanently increase the ability of the government to instill all of their frequently anti-Christian values on the various young children.

I think in the long run, when we look back on this week and the damage that it has done to America, we will look at the universal three- and four-year-old pre-K provision as something that did more to drag down America than anything else.

MORE GOVERNMENT, LESS FREEDOM

(Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, there is a major disconnect between political elites here within the Washington beltway and the hardworking Americans that live beyond it.

The American people in Virginia spoke loud and clear Tuesday. Those serving in this building and at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue would be wise to listen.

Americans want less government in their lives, not more. They are sick of mandates. They are tired of being called racist. They are worried about the increasing lawlessness in our cities.

They are angry their fellow Americans were left behind in Afghanistan. They are frustrated that more of their paychecks are being taken from them at the gas pump and the grocery store. And they distrust a media that arrogantly dismisses their concern.

They are facing a bleak holiday, a cold, expensive winter, and a down-sized American Dream. And they know full well the bigger Washington gets and the more it spends, the less freedom they have.

The President's agenda isn't about protecting the climate, providing vaccines, healthcare, or education funding. It is about control. And the American people are seeing through it.

BUILD BACK BETTER—AN AMERICAN PLAN

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. The President is trying to help America, help the middle class, help the forgotten.

The Build Back Better bill will give people childcare that they need and women to go to work. It will give a child tax credit and make it permanent, lifting half the children in this country out of poverty. It will give elderly people who are infirm and need to be at home elderly in-home care so they can stay in their homes. That is wonderful for those people, something they need.

It will provide for family and medical leave, something every other industrial country in the world has. It will put \$500 billion in unbelievable investment in the future of our planet, on climate controls, and credits for folks to go into renewables and solar and heat, wind-powered energy, and improving the electrical grid.

It will do many wonderful things, and it is all paid for. And the only Americans paying more in taxes are those making \$10 million and above, they will pay a surtax.

Madam Speaker, it is a great plan. It is an American plan. It should be a bipartisan plan. And I am for it. Thank you, President Biden.

BUILD BACK BROKE PLAN

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today, there is a discussion going on as to whether or not we should be voting on the build back broke plan that is being proposed by the Democrats.

I have asked for a score from the Congressional Budget Office to find out

what is actually in this bill and what it is going to cost American taxpayers. We have heard the phrase before, "we will vote on it and then you can find out what is in it." But the reality is that Members of Congress don't even know what is in this reconciliation package that is being presented.

How in good conscience could we actually pass something that is going to be fiscally damaging to the country and putting the cost of it on the backs of hardworking taxpayers across this country? We need to know what is in this reconciliation package that is being proposed.

I ask for Speaker PELOSI to request a CBO score, and that this bill be voted on after that is presented to the Members of Congress.

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TERRORIST WAR CONTINUES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, with the Biden surrender to terrorists in Afghanistan claiming the war is over, events sadly reveal this is not true.

As Biden disgracefully left Americans behind in Afghanistan while 13 Marines were murdered, there have been further attacks. In New Zealand, a jihadist stabbed six shoppers. In Norway, with bow and arrow, a terrorist killed five people and injured three. In the U.K., Parliamentarian David Amess was assassinated. Across Afghanistan, mosques were bombed, killing and wounding hundreds as the terrorists practice to bomb houses of worship in America.

Sadly, the biased establishment media covered for Biden and concealed the ISIS bomb attack in Uganda on October 24, killing a waitress in Kampala. Shamefully, the media intentionally ignore the atrocities across Afghanistan and fail to report terrorist attacks worldwide as American families are at risk of suicide bombers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to America.

PAYMENT OF \$450,000 TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

(Mr. RUTHERFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the Biden border crisis, which continues to rage every single day. For months, the Biden administration has had no answer for the hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants who have streamed across our southern border.

Now we have learned that the President is actually considering a payment